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Government oblige to a conditional
pointment and withdrawing their appli-
cation. Long may it be before the Gov-
ernment is obliged to do this. It is
to fear that the Chinese Government
only waiting another opportunity to as-
sault the point. Progress has been
made by public works, including the Gap R.R.
Lighthouse, which is now approaching
completion, and from which a tempo-
rary light can be thrown out to display
work is also being pushed on in connection
with the Praya Reclamation scheme, the
net so rapid progress as might have been
the case had not the dark cloud of financial
depression fallen on the Colony. With
collapse of the "boom" there was a
temporary increase in the price of
of that scheme, but that the
of the future will require all the growth
that is to be reclaimed, there can
no reasonable doubt. The census
in May last showed, somewhat to
surprise of the pessimists, that the popu-
lation of the Colony in 1921 was 166,000,
166,000 in 1881, an increase of ten
51,000, or over 88 per cent. The depre-
sion of the Colony is at present suffer-
ing is due almost exclusively to share gambling,
the decline in the emigration trade having
more than made up in other direc-
tions. Shipping, which has justly been termed
the life-line of the Colony, has not
expansion during the past year, and
the advent of cheap coal from
the establishment of manufacturing in-
dustries will be encouraged. Taking into
consideration the geographical position of H-
kong it is impossible to entertain a
doubt that the Colony will continue to
whatever temporary fluctuations there
and there is every reason to believe
the next census will show an larger in-
crease as the last. In the full belief
the cloud which has hung over the Col-
ony for the last two years is now lifting
cordially wish
**A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR.**

**THE PARLIAMENTARY CRISIS
IN JAPAN.**

After an existence of barely over a
half a century the first Japanese Parliament has been
dissolved, and next month the country will
be called upon to elect a new one in
the throes of a general election. It
perhaps hardly to be expected that the
Parliament should be one of long dura-
tion, the representative government being
new to the country, and parties being
in the imperfect stage of organisation and con-
sistently undergoing kaleidoscopic changes.

**THE OPENING OF CHUNGKING
THE RIOTS IN CHING-CHIN**

In our issue of the 30th Dec. we reported from the *North China Daily News* a sensational article on the opening of Chungking which a very startling suggestion.

The calling of the Southern squads to North at the time of the troubles in Ching-chin has been taken from the press as an act of insularisation and possibly indicative of a desire on the part of LI HUNG-CHANG to involve his rival, the CHAI-TUNG in trouble by withdrawing the means of holding the anti-Chinese movement in check; but according to the *North China Daily News* there is more than this, being in fact nothing but part of a preconceived scheme to residence in the Yangtze river into foreigners, and more especially to see withdrawal from Chungking. The *North China Daily News* is of the opinion that the *Szechwan* is said to be in the closest relations with the *Ching-chin* and *Ching-chin* King, the boat built for trade with China was bought by the Chinese Government a large part of the purchase money has come out of LI HUNG-CHANG's pocket. This is treated by the writer of the article as evidence that LI HUNG-CHANG would have been the first to start the trouble. Considering how remote Szechwan and Ching-chin it is not very easy to see how the Viceroy of the latter province could have any directly affected by the opening of a port in the latter. That, however, the first link in the writer's argument is thus "foreshadowed" an open port, still-closed to steamers. Then comes the troubles on the lower river, the Southern "squads" was called to North. "The Chinese had had to the opening of Chungking, they kept on for a long time, and they were not out for as many foreign interests, they set to work all up and down the Yangtze to make it too disagreeable for foreigners to live, travel, or trade, doing as 'rumours of riots as by riot writer inferentially accuses LI HUNG-CHANG of being privy to this plot, and the originator of the disturbances against the constituted authorities." "he says, difficult to discover, 'every newspaper correspondent, 'ling M.P. who visits Tientsin is posted on the subject by the Chinese Government, and the constituted authorities hope to the foreigners' nations, and

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Drumblton followed, but
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the wicket. Off Coxon for 3. Shortly
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Coxon bunt for 3. Lowson
at 3, but in his next
a score standing 51—7—10.
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The outgoing batsman
wicket against good bow-
wicket. Score 60—3—37.
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—62-0-2—and Coxon
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for 63. Lowson and Coxon
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of 178, went in again, the
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by J. J. J. off Lowson.
The final blow Drumblton hit
hard to 3, 3, 3, at 10, 10,
—8-8. Dann came next and
Coxon to the off for 3, while
he received (from Lowson)
the off and three leg-
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later J. J. J. made an equal-
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